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SUBJ: GAO REVIEW: "ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS"

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU AS SEPTEL STATE 116965, WHICH ADVISED CANBERRA OF IMPENDING VISIT OF GAO TEAM TO REVIEW ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. BULK OF TEAM'S STAY IN AUSTRALIA IS PLANNED FOR MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY. EMBASSY ONLY TODAY BECAME AWARE THAT CONGENS NOT YET NOTIFIED.

2. DURING CANBERRA STAY TEAM HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY EMBASSY AND HAS CONSULTED WITH AND OBTAINED CONTACTS FROM VARIOUS AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. WHILE TEAM WILL, OF COURSE, WISH MEET ULTIMATELY WITH CONGEN E/C PERSONNEL, THEY ARE AWARE OF SUCH CONFLICTS AS CANBERRA E/C OFFICERS' CONFERENCE AND ANTICIPATED PRESENCE OF SECOND GAO TEAM. PRIMARY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED AT OUTSET, THEREFORE, IS ARRANGING OF APPOINTMENTS SET FORTH THIS MESSAGE. (HOTEL NOT REQUIRED).

3. BALANCE OF THIS MESSAGE IS DRAWN FROM LETTER TO AMBASSADOR ALSTON FROM DIRECTOR SHELEY OF INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF GAO IN HONOLULU, AS UPDATED BY TEAM TO REFLECT RESULTS OF THEIR CANBERRA STAY.

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RM QUOTE THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS MAKING A REVIEW OF PROGRAMS UTILIZED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA, CANADA, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, JAPAN, AND SWEDEN TO HELP WORKERS, FIRMS, AND COMMUNITIES ADAPT TO CHANGING PATTERNS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THIS REVIEW IS ONE OF SEVERAL ASSIGNMENTS BEING DONE BY THE GENERAL

ACCOUNTING OFFICE UNDER SECTION 280 OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974, WHICH DIRECTS THEM TO REPORT TO THE CONGRESS BY 1980 ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES. AS A PART OF THE OVERALL REVIEW, GOA'S FAR EAST BRANCH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT WORK IN AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN.

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE REVIEW IS TO GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE APPROACHES USED BY INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES TO MANAGE THEIR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THE REVIEW WILL FOCUS ON OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND UNION OFFICIALS ON SUCH MATTERS AS:

- BASIC APPROACH TO ASSISTING FIRMS AND WORKERS TO ADJUST TO CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE;
- PROCEDURES FOR SELECTING SPECIFIC FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE;
- TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED AND THE REQUIREMENTS PLACED ON FIRMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE;
- EFFECTIVENESS OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN TERMS OF IMPACT ON AFFECTED INDUSTRIES AND THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY IN GENERAL.

THIS INFORMATION WILL SUPPLEMENT THEIR ANALYSIS OF U.S. PROGRAMS AND ASSIST THEM IN THEIR OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE.

ROBERT M. CROWL AND JAMES D. BERRY OF THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE PLAN TO BE IN MELBOURNE FROM JUNE 14-24
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AND IN SYDNEY FROM JUNE 27 TO JULY 1. THEY WOULD LIKE THE CONSULATES TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS THEY HAVE IDENTIFIED AT EACH LOCATION. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH ARE LISTED BELOW, WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY CONTACTS.

MELBOURNE:

- (1) DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
 - A. MANPOWER AND ECONOMIC POLICY DIVISION - MR. B.J. FITT
 - B. MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATIONS - MR. CLIFFORD
 - C. MELBOURNE DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE
- (2) STATE GOVERNMENT
 - A. RURAL FINANCE AND SETTLEMENT COMMISSION - MR. IAN MORTON
 - B. DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION - MR. L.P. BURGESS, MR. TOM EVANS
- (2) AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS
- (4) TEXTILES COUNCIL - JOHN BURGESS

SYDNEY:

(1) STATE GOVERNMENT

A. RURAL ASSISTANCE BOARD - MR. HENRY NICHOLSON, MR.
DICK SIMPSON

B. DEPARTMENT OF DECENTRALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT - MR.
COPPIE-WOOD, MR. JOHN SAVAGE

(2) METAL TRADES INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (MTIA) - MR. RON FRYE

(3) COMMONWEALTH DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE. UNQTE.
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